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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of WVVA-TV which has served the local programming needs of viewers in southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia for many decades.

Our affiliation with WVVA-TV since 1987 has been three-fold: as consumers of the programs they air; as partners in capacity building training programs for international media professionals whose study tours are sponsored by the US Department of State, the US Agency for International Development, and Congress's Open World Leadership Center; and, and as the focus of periodic news broadcasts when international visitors are in the area, which helps to inform viewers about the importance of international relations and of engaging in US foreign policy initiatives of peace and human and institutional capacity development.

The Center for International Understanding, Inc. regards highly the role of WVVA-TV in sustaining democracy and democratic institution building at the grass-roots level. The new rules on local programming being considered for adoption by the FCC will severely cripple WVVA-TV's capabilities and mission. I would urge you to reconsider the new rules being formulated for possible adoption.

Yours sincerely,

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